

of 37, and Greg looked to him for guidance and advice while contemplating a career in the military. Greg remained close to his family until his death, and he will never be forgotten by those he left behind.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the memory of Spc. Greg Sanders, and in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family. Greg is a hero, not only to his family and friends, but also to Northwest Indiana and to the United States of America. He fought bravely for the ideals of freedom, truth, and liberty, and as our nation mourns his loss, let us honor his life and his dedication to the service of his country.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MYERS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Michael Myers, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in such scout activities as the H. Roe Bartle Summer Camp for 8 years, H. Roe Bartle Summer Camp Staff Member, Seabase High Adventure and Snaus. Over the 13 years he has been involved in scouting, Joseph has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Librarian, Historian, Instructor and Quartermaster. Joseph also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Member of the Order of The Arrow, The Parvuli Dei Catholic Religious Award, the Ad Altare Dei Catholic Religious Medal, and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joseph imbedded water bars and spread gravel over a section of trail at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Michael Myers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 92, 93, and 94 I missed the votes due to a delay in my airplane flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

REINTRODUCTION OF SAMPLING LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that will ensure that future Censuses truly reflect the demograph makeup of this nation. This bill would clarify Section 195 of Title 13 U.S.C. to allow the most accurate numbers to be used for apportionment and all other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CRACK- DOWN ON DEADBEAT GUN DEAL- ERS ACT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 22 of my colleagues in introducing the "Crackdown on Deadbeat Gun Dealers Act" to hold licensed gun dealers accountable when they knowingly sell guns illegally.

Last year's tragic Washington, D.C., area sniper shootings provide a dramatic illustration of what many consider a lack of regulatory authority over the nation's estimated 104,000 licensed firearms dealers, which are overseen by just 600 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) inspectors who must also oversee breweries and tobacco plants among their other responsibilities.

Federal agents, who searched Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma, Washington, last December, indicated in a court affidavit that 78 firearms listed in the store's inventory were missing and could not be traced through required sales records and other documents. Among the missing weapons was the rifle allegedly used by the two D.C. sniper suspects, John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo. During the past few years, many weapons had simply vanished from the shop without an adequate paper trail—some of them possibly bound for people barred from owning firearms.

Unfortunately, the Bull's Eye case is not an isolated one. Statistics provided by the ATF in 1998 show that over 50 percent of the firearms used in crimes nationwide were traced to just 1.2 percent of the nation's gun dealers. By conducting crime gun traces, the ATF can analyze why such a large number of firearms from this small proportion of dealers are used illegally and develop investigative strategies to address this problem.

Currently, the ATF may inspect a licensed dealer's inventory and records without a warrant to ensure record-keeping compliance. The accuracy of a dealer's inventory is critical to the ATF's ability to trace crime guns. However, since 1986, criminal penalties for most dealer recordkeeping violations have been reduced from felonies to misdemeanors. In addition, current law restricts ATF to one compliance inspection of licensed dealers every 12 months. With the exception of violations committed by dealers in transferring firearms to prohibited individuals after national instant criminal background checks, the current law also generally limits ATF's administrative ac-

tions against dealers to revocation of the license.

The Crackdown on Deadbeat Gun Dealers Act will increase compliance and keep guns out of the hands of criminals by increasing the permitted number of annual compliance inspections by federal law enforcement inspectors of licensed firearms dealers; raising the maximum criminal penalty for dealers who knowingly violate the law by committing serious record-keeping offenses that can hinder tracing guns used in crimes; and authorizing \$320 million in grants for 5 years to hire 500 additional ATF inspectors.

Now more than ever, Americans are demanding protection and security, and some are purchasing guns in an effort to protect themselves and their families. But we must remember that others with more sinister motives can just as easily do the same. Real protection means providing authorities with the strongest possible mechanisms to prevent unlawful purchases.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the 22 original co-sponsors of this bill in holding licensed gun dealers accountable when they knowingly sell guns illegally. Please co-sponsor this responsible law enforcement measure, and help keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

HONORING ROBERT WILLIAM SAUNDERS, SR.

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Robert William Saunders, Sr. Last week, Bob lost his life to injuries from an automobile accident that occurred last month, and Florida lost a fearless champion for equal rights.

Bob was best known for his tireless efforts as field director of Florida's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1952 to 1966. Bob took over after his predecessor, Harry T. Moore and Moore's wife, Harriette, were assassinated in a Christmas night bombing of their home—a crime which remains unsolved.

Undaunted, Bob gave Florida's NAACP his all, traveling throughout the state to organize local chapters and battling discrimination at every level. Bob helped organize bus boycotts, sit-ins, voter registration drives and protests, including the 1963 March on Tallahassee, staged just five months prior to the famous March on Washington. He fought for affirmative action and school integration and fought against police brutality and segregation at public beaches and housing.

Bob went on to serve for a decade as the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity's chief of civil rights for the Southeast, and to work as director of Hillsborough County's Office of Equal Opportunity. His unfailing and selfless dedication to the pursuit of equal rights, despite public rebuke and personal threats, earned Bob enormous respect throughout Florida, as well as an honorary doctorate in public service from the University of Tampa.

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Bob's family. His groundbreaking efforts will not be forgotten.